

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

TITLE 31: PUBLIC SAFETY

PART 8: FORBIDDING FIREARMS ON DPS PROPERTY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

Part 8 Chapter 1 Forbidding Firearms on DPS Property

Rule 1.1 Forbidding Firearms on DPS Property

Possession or carrying of any weapon by any person, except a law enforcement officer, is prohibited in all Mississippi Highway Patrol substations, driver's license offices, and all other buildings owned or operated by the Mississippi Department of Public Safety. Entry upon the aforementioned departmental property in violation of this prohibition is expressly forbidden. Signs stating that no weapons are allowed will be placed at the entrances to these buildings

The Commissioner of Public Safety finds that the Mississippi Highway Patrol substations, driver's license offices and all other buildings owned or operated by the Mississippi Department of Public Safety are subject to the Commissioner's authority pursuant to *Miss. Code Ann.* §§ 45-1-3, 45-3-19, and 63-1-11. These buildings are governmental buildings utilized by individuals whose safety concerns on departmental property constitute a compelling state interest. These buildings are deemed sensitive places in which a regulation prohibiting the carrying of firearms serves the governmental interest of preserving security for the Department of Public Safety's operations and personnel.

Source: *Miss. Code Ann.* §§ 45-1-3, 45-3-19, and 63-1-11